



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

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### **Coast Guard Interaction with Maritime Industry**

In recent months, U.S. Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral Thad Allen, has spoken with maritime professionals from around the nation. During these discussions, he has tried to uncover what is good and what is bad with our current Coast Guard practices so that improvements can be made.

I am following his lead in continuing this dialogue on a more local level. I believe in the need for a strong maritime industry-Coast Guard partnership in the Port Arthur area, as well as throughout the country. It's important to our safety, our security, and our economy. Accordingly, I seek your feedback regarding any and all issues of concern. I encourage you to take part in this enhancement of trust, confidence, and transparency that is essential to a successful partnership.

Feedback may be provided in several different ways. Names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses to which you may direct your issues of concern are listed below. You may also anonymously fax your input to my office at (409) 723-6504. Letters to my attention may be sent to the address at the bottom of this MSIB. Finally, I have cleared my calendar on April 1<sup>st</sup> to meet with mariners, facility operators, or any other industry representatives as needed. If you desire a personal meeting, please contact Petty Officer Joe Relle at (409) 723-6516 to reserve a 15-minute time slot. Your candid feedback will help me identify issues that may need action, as well as improvement recommendations. Feedback that is specific will assist me the most in ensuring Coast Guard missions are carried out in a professional manner. Feedback received by April 7<sup>th</sup> will be shared with RADM Whitehead, the Eighth Coast Guard District Commander, and other Captains of the Port during an upcoming conference in New Orleans.

Thank you for your assistance and I look forward to hearing from you.

**For any concerns:**

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